

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1975
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EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS COL. RETD. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for export of handicrafts during the last three financial year and current year, year-wise;
- (b) the percentage of increase registered in the export of handicrafts during the above mentioned period;
- (c) the amount of foreign exchanges earned from the export of handicrafts during the last three years;
- (d) whether the benefits of earning from export of handicrafts is being given to the craftsmen;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the government to ensure that benefits of export earning shall reach the craftsmen and also to ensure adequate supply of inputs to artisans in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a): The target fixed for export of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets during the last three financial year and current year, year-wise, is as under:-

S.No. Year Targets (Rs. In Crores)

- 1. 1998-1999 7776.00
- 2. 1999-2002 8280.00
- 3. 2000-2001 9480.00
- 4. 2001-2002 10610.00

(b): The percentage of increase registered in the export of handicrafts during the above mentioned period is as under:-

S.No. Year % increase

- 1. 1998-1999 (+) 21.18
- 2. 1999-2002 (+) 13.96
- 3. 2000-2001 (+) 15.02
- 4. 2001-2002 (-) 9.85 (upto April - January, 2002)

(c): The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of handicrafts during the last three years and current year is as under:-

S.No. Year	Foreign exchange earned
(Rs. In Crores)	US Million \$

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| 1. 1998-1999 | 7072.34 | 1680.98 |
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2. 1999-2000 8059.63 1859.95

3. 2000-2001 9270.50 2050.34

4. 2001-2002 7106.84 (upto April - January,2002) 1512.43

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Higher export means more work for the Craftpersons and better earnings from export normally lead to more wages. However no specific study has been made conducted on this issue.

(f): Does not arise.